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CLASSROOM LAW PROJECT

SECTION 230 (ONLINE IMMUNITY)

VOCABULARY

Directions: Frontload (introduce and review) these vocabulary words with your students to facilitate their understanding of the topic and coinciding resources:

1. **Legal Liability** (n.) - Responsible or answerable in law.
2. **Immunity** (n.) - Protection or exemption from something, especially an obligation or penalty.
3. **Plain Meaning Rule** (n.) - An approach to legal proceedings that relies on the usual and ordinary meaning of a law's text.
4. **Telecommunications** (n.) - Communication over a distance by cable, telegraph, telephone, or broadcasting.
5. **Communications Decency Act** (n.) - the United States Congress's first notable attempt to regulate pornographic material on the Internet.

CURRENT EVENT ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

Directions: As you read through news and other resources about TOPIC, consider the following questions:

- What is legal liability and how can it affect businesses?
- What are the overall objectives of Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act?
- How are traditional media outlets (e.g., television, radio, print media) treated differently than social media when it comes to legal liability?
- What are the pros and cons of Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act?
- How would you rule in the Gonzalez v. Google cases? Explain.
- In your opinion, is it the Supreme Court's place to change the interpretation of the Communications Decency Act? Explain.
- In your opinion, what modifications, if any, need to be made to the Communications Decency Act to better reflect life in the 2020's? Explain.